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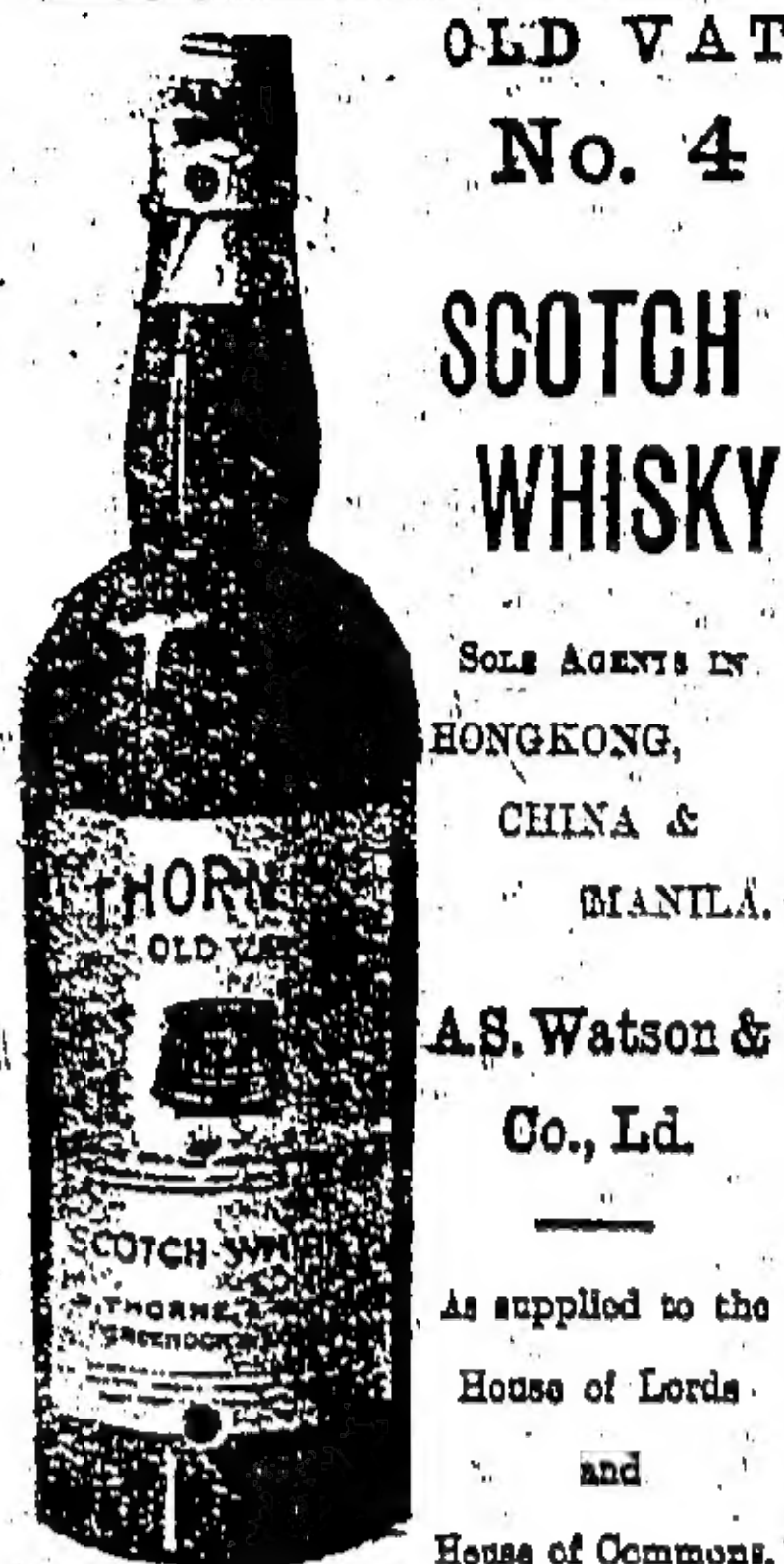
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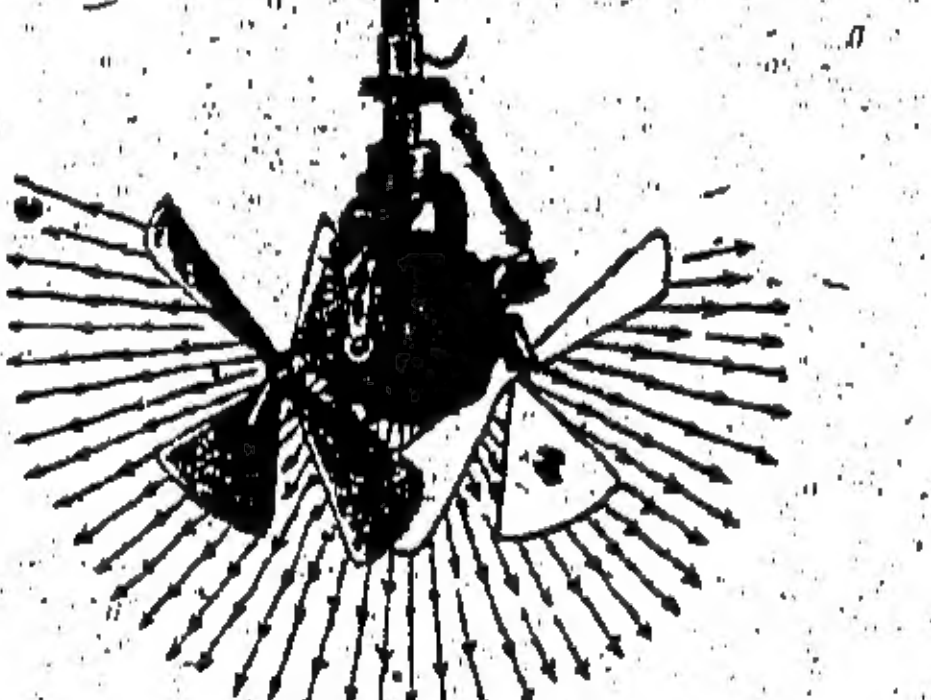
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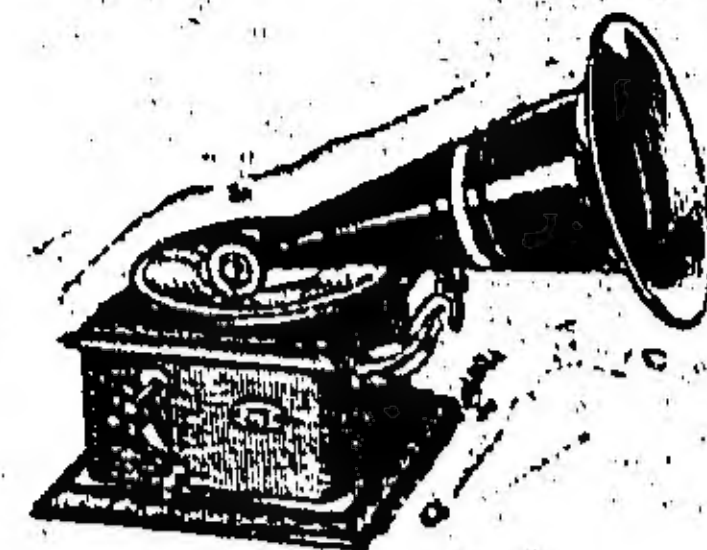
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Auction.

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Miscellaneous.

11.30 a.m.—Lecture by His Lordship the Bishop in Peak Church.

General Memoranda.

Friday, June 10.—

4.30 p.m.—Lady May 'At Home' at Mountain Lodge.

4.30 p.m.—Entertainment of Japanese Sailors at Happy Valley.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1910.

THE RENOWNED UNREST IN CHINA.

While we strongly deprecate any alarmist attitude being hastily assumed either by the Press or the foreign public regarding the present condition of affairs in China, we are fain to admit that there are many factors at work which cause much searching of heart on the part of those whose interests are bound up in the welfare of the Chinese Empire. A very old resident of Hongkong, who has also spent many years in the interior of Kwangtung and is thoroughly conversant with both the written and spoken vernacular, sends us the following observations dealing with the situation as he views it to-day.

"Where there is smoke, there will be found fire." If this proverb be true, then there must be some reason for apprehension at the prospect of affairs in China. The many vague rumours printed in the papers, both in the centre and the north of China, all point to something serious which may at any time emerge from its present nebulous state and fall upon the people.

The Chinese themselves are not without apprehension, and in Canton, for example, they are taking steps to prevent the anger of the people from breaking forth, in view of the scarcity of rice and the dread of famine.

Several times within the last week the Viceroy and his entourage have met representative merchants, and together they have concerted steps to have rice supplied from the south, which is to be sold at a price within the reach of the toiling masses. All this is very suggestive and shows clearly enough that in high quarters there is a dread lest revolutionary irritation be aroused in the minds of the people.

Some of the native papers are doing all they can to stir up anger against the mandarin, and incidentally against the dynasty, and though they profess to be castigating the avarice and the grasping of foreign nations, in reality they are girding against their own government. We recently read a very bitter article, in which the writer inadvertently on the recent treaty that is said to have been made between Japan and Russia. The writer points out with exceeding bitterness that now Japan and Russia have become friends, they will jointly slice something more from the Chinese Empire. This will give an opportunity to England to extend her power over the Yangtze Valley, to Germany to get more of Shantung, and to France to seize more territory in Kwangsi. As remarked above, the blow is not struck directly against the foreigner, though intense irritation is shown against him, but against the rulers of China. The authorities in Peking are upbraided for being so inept and so supine that they allow these things to go on before their eyes and make no protest. It is impossible to believe that these distributive fall on heedless ears; or that they are harmless in their effect; the reverse surely must be the case.

The unhappy tragedy that transpired at Canton last Saturday appears, from what can be gathered, to point to something that is not clearly understood

by either Chinese or foreigners. That a man should refuse to have examined a bundle containing nothing but a suit of corded clothes, and should then run the risk of shooting a Custom House Officer, unless there was something behind which he feared to have disclosed, is almost impossible of credence. Indeed, the rumours that various boxes of ammunition have found their way into China in connection with this event are quite credible and if so this is but a straw showing the way the current is running.

Sun Yat-sen is said to have just published a brochure, both in Chinese and English, in which he deals with the situation in China, and this book notwithstanding all that the officials can do to suppress it, will be read by millions of people, and will influence their minds to a greater or less degree. We may be sure that the influence of the book will be to create still further unrest, by stirring up the Chinese to look this way and that in order to find an exit from their present servitude to the Manchus.

What the result of the focussing of these forces will be remains to be seen. If we may judge from recent events there is little hope for anything but strife and bloodshed. We remember one abortive revolution that was attempted some sixteen years ago at Canton. This ended in a fiasco, and the ridicule of those who looked on from afar was more effective even than the actions of the Government. Some cases said to contain "cement" were sent to Canton, and consigned to a Chinese named Wang, who was the consignee. What happened? The barrels of "cement" lay some day or two on the steamer wharf, because the man to whom they were consigned was not to be found. Ultimately notice was sent to the late Dr. Kerr, seeing that the man Wang was supposed to be in some way connected with the Presbyterian mission, that some casks of "cement" were on the wharf. The doctor naturally disowned any knowledge of them, or of any object for which they could have been procured in connection with anything under his care, and requested the authorities to open the barrels on the spot. This was done, and to the surprise of all concerned they were found to be chock full of revolvers and cartridges to match. In a word, a local revolution had been hatched and a plan concocted to assassinate the officials on a certain day when they were gathered in one of the official temples. But the whole thing ended in smoke because the man to whom the revolvers were consigned failed for his person, and even before there was any appearance of suspicion on the part of the officials, fled, eventually managing to get clear away. This case is not the only one that has occurred in South China, but apparently there is nothing in the physical, mental and patriotic stamina of the modern Chinese to guarantee that even if anything were attempted, there would be any hope of success. What will happen we cannot say, and we venture to affirm that even the best informed and most far-seeing mind cannot diagnose the future with anything like confidence. It is evident that there is a good deal of unrest in the air, that there are preparations being made both by the revolutionist party on the one hand, and by the Imperialists on the other, so something serious may transpire. Whether the movement will be comprehensive, or sporadic, whether it will be successful or not, cannot be foretold. It is however probable that we are on the eve of trouble, and we shall do well to be on the alert.

Such is the summing-up of the situation by one well competent to offer his opinion. But in China, as elsewhere, it is always the unexpected that happens. The Nanking Exhibition, the first of its kind in China, was opened last Sunday without any of the dire accompaniments which certain journalists freely predicted. It may be that the present state of uneasiness may result similarly in nothing untoward occurring, for when all is said and done John Chinaman is a singularly law-abiding individual so long as the bitter burden of existence does not crush too deeply into his soul.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The estate of the late Sir Edward Williams, of the Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd., has been valued at \$2,580,000.

M. Fallières shows signs of great overwork, and it is not denied in his entourage that the French President's state of health leaves much to be desired.

In connection with the charges of bribery preferred against Superintendent Haulin and Chief Engineer Chao, of the Calcutta Fire Brigade, both officers have been called on by Government to show cause why they should not be dismissed.

Presiding at the Royal United Service Institution recently over the first annual meeting of the Mid-Scotland Ship Canal National Association, formed for the purpose of furthering a scheme for the construction of a low-level deep-water canal from the Forth to the Clyde, the Duke of Argyll said that it was of great importance that the great military and naval establishments at Rosyth should have a "back door" and that the Clyde should become a great arsenal.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

We observe that a start is being made with the laying out of the garden in the enclosed spot near King Edward's statue in Royal Square.

One hundred and fifty-eight members of Parliament of all parties have presented a memorial to Mr. A. J. Balfour calling for definite action in the Congo unless Belgium abolishes forced labour before August next.

The case in which Sergeant Macnamara, of the Royal West Kents, was charged with the attempted murder of Assistant Surgeon Pereira, has been concluded in the High Court, Calcutta. The accused was found not guilty.

The Indo-China steamer Kuan Sang, which arrived at Singapore on June 1, had a rather melancholy voyage from Hongkong. On three consecutive days three Chinese babies were buried at sea. In two of the cases the cause of death was malnutrition and in the third case marasmus.

The world's youngest grandmother has been discovered at Richmond, Indiana, in the person of Mrs. Everett Tackum, who is now 28. Mrs. Parker was married when 13, and her daughter was married when 14. Mrs. Parker's great-grandmother is still alive at the age of 90, and so the baby just born to her daughter can boast the possession of a great-great-grandmother.

A telegram from Durban announced that a party from the whaler Mangoro have annexed Heard Island, in the South Indian Ocean, on behalf of Great Britain. The Daily Mail Durban correspondent states that the enterprise is said to be receiving international attention and that the French Consul at Durban has offered formal objection to the steps taken on the ground that the island is a French possession.

The aggregate value of the year's trade of Canada, according to a return just issued, is \$139,138,810, an increase of \$24,185,165 over the previous year, and of \$5,342,465 in excess of the previous highest record achieved in 1907-8. The indications are favourable to a still greater showing for the current year, for which a conservative estimate places the total at \$164,383,563.

When the British section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway is in use week-ends and holidays, it will become immensely popular, for we understand that the railway will issue week-end tickets to parties of five or more at half-price. A boarding house is to be erected at Tai-po, so that every convenience will be offered to completists on the railway—first, second and third.

Commenting on the proposed strengthening of the British Fleet in Eastern waters, the *London Standard* says:—The passage of the *Invincible*, and *Triumph* through the canal will be a notable event, as, since the conclusion of the war between Russia and Japan, the British Power, except Japan, had a battleship stationed in the Far East. These two British battleships are of 11,800 tons, and each carries a remarkable armament of four 10 in. and fourteen 4.7 in. guns, besides fourteen 14-pounders, four 6-pounders, four machine guns, and a couple of light quick-firers. They have a speed exceeding twenty knots, and will greatly add to the strength of the British forces in the Far East.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

How Matters Now Stand.

The monthly return issued by the Hongkong Water Authority for the month of May, and published in our last evening's issue, showed to what a low, ebb the Colony's supply had fallen prior to the welcome appearance of rain. As is always the case in periods of drought, the situation was only serious as far as Hongkong itself was concerned there being an ample quantity in the Kowloon reservoir.

On June 1st the total contents of the five Hongkong reservoirs was 74,193,000 gallons, or no less than 128,054,000 gallons below the figure for the corresponding date last year. With only an intermittent supply the total consumption during the month was 121,426,000 gallons, this being equal to nearly 4,000,000 gallons per day. Taking therefore the consumption for the month of May as an average, the water in the reservoirs on June 1st was only sufficient to last about 18½ days. Remembering that this average is worked out on an intermittent basis, and that a considerable additional quantity was consumed before the rain came, it will be seen how serious the situation had become.

The benefit of the rainfall will be quite obvious when it is pointed out that on the morning of the 6th inst. the total number of gallons in the Hongkong reservoirs was 191,143,000 gallons. This figure compares with 201,161,000 on June 10th of last year, the corresponding week-end report. This total is made up as follows:—Tytam, 68,870,000 gallons (compared with 69,390,000 gallons in 1909 and 11,040,000 gallons on June 1st this year); Tytam Bywash, 90,000 (compared with 1,185,000 and 64,000 gallons respectively); Pokfulam, 38,880,000 (compared with 21,150,000 and 1,880,000); Wong-nel cheung, 7,672,000 (compared with 7,882,000 and 236,000); Tytam Intermediate, 78,841,000 (compared with 101,444,000 and 54,000). It will thus be seen that on June 6th this year there were 116,950,000 more gallons stored than on June 1st.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

At the Magistrate's Court to-day before Mr. E. B. Halliday, S. E. Allana and R. D. Captain were summoned by Miss D. Huard for assault.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton appeared to prosecute. Mr. Reader Harris represented Captain and Mr. F. Holt appeared for Allana.

A witness, who gave his full name as John Vane Agabus Bruce Robertson also James G. Robertson of Texas, said he chose to assume the name of Robertson since he left the Police Force.

Mr. Reader Harris—You were at one time in the army?—Yes. And you deserted?—I beg your pardon, I never deserted. I left my job. I have been living with Miss Huard as husband and wife. I have not. Had you any intention of doing so?—I had and I have at the present time. You have lived at her house?—I have. I did not, in fact quite often.

You constituted yourself protector of Miss Huard?—At her own request, to a certain extent. Why did you not protect her when Captain was using absolutely filthy language?—Because she asked me not to do so. Did he call you a—?—I think he did. When Captain was raising, or endeavouring to raise, blows on Miss Huard, would you explain the position you were in?—Witness drew a rough sketch indicating the position the parties were in when Miss Huard was struck.

The blow delivered by Allana on Miss Huard, was it delivered from the back of the front?—It was delivered from the front. Miss Huard was facing Allana?—Yes. Did she turn her back on him?—She did not. The blow was delivered sideways. Your name was Caruthers?—It was. Mr. Holt—You say you are a commission agent?—I am. Since the first of last month. I work for a firm and get a fixed salary.

Is that export firm by any chance Messrs H. S. Holmes and Co.?—Mr. Holmes is manager of the firm. I cannot say. I am in the way of earning commission. How did you support yourself after you were dismissed from the police?—It was only fourteen days. I had enough to support myself and I was working with a friend who charged me absolutely nothing. Was that friend Miss Huard by chance?—It was not. You were going to say it was Miss somebody?—I was not. Did she give you a diamond ring?—She did.

Did you sell it?—I did not. What did Captain say to you when he returned to the dining room door?—He said all sorts of filthy things. Did he call you a—?—I cannot say. I should like to write some of the things he said down for his worship. Mr. Holt—I would not bother about that. Have you been called a—before?—No. He said Miss Huard was keeping a—?—He did not.

You knew he meant you?—Yes. You thought the matter of no importance?—I did regard it as important but instead of assaulting him I wished to have him ejected by the police. You said just now that Captain did call you a—?—I said what he said. Miss Huard was keeping a—?—I had a good idea he meant me. Were you in a position to call the police in?—I was.

Was the house yours?—The house is not mine. Whose house is it?—It is Miss Huard's. You are quite certain Captain was not in a better position to call the police in than you?—I am certain. You were on very intimate terms with Miss Huard?—More than Captain was. I have no knowledge of that. You were on intimate terms with Miss Huard?—Yes, I am still. You had no employment when you first went to Miss Huard?—No. You sleep on the premises of the commission agent?—I do not.

Where do you sleep?—Is it necessary to answer that? I do not like people to know that I am mixed up with this business. It is a very unenviable business. His Worship—Is there any particular reason why you should not answer the question?—Witness then said he lived at Beaconsfield Arcade, top floor.

Why did you say it was unenviable to live there?—I did not say that. This case is most unenviable. Most unenviable?—I did not want people to know that I was connected with this case. You are connected with it? You are in it up to the neck. Doesn't Mr. Holmes live there?—He only removed there yesterday.

And this is the address of the firm?—No, the address of the firm is No 2 Pedder Street. How does that address connect you with the firm?—It does not. To answer to further questions witness said that Captain had gone there with the intention of doing Miss Huard and himself "grave bodily harm." (Laughter.) Re-examined by Mr. Shenton—Witness said that he had purchased his discharge from the army in Hongkong.

Can you tell us the motive for the assault?—For the month of March Captain's shirt collected chills. Mr. Harris—I object to all this,—he can only know from what Miss Huard has told him. His Worship—As far as you know, of your own personal knowledge and no further, what is the motive?—Simply quarrels. Over money matters?—Yes.

In which you were mixed up?—When I first went to Miss Huard she was absolutely in Captain's power. I showed her what to do to get out of it. That is only where I am mixed up in it. You say you constituted yourself her protector?—Did you mean against Captain?—I went to her house as a protector in order to ease her mind. Was there anyone else?—No, nobody else. Then it must have been Captain?—Was that so?—It was so and to ease her mind. When you said that you meant Captain?—Captain and Allana. In what respect were you her protector?—None whatever. Had you spoken to them in connection with Miss Huard's affairs?—I had sent Captain one bit. Further evidence was called, and the case was adjourned.

TORPEDO BOATS RE-FLOATED.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, June 8. The two Japanese torpedo boats which were driven ashore during a gale in the Bay have been refloated.

GERMAN POLITICS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY RESIGNS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 7. Herr Dernburg, the German Colonial Secretary, has resigned.

His resignation is attributed to want of sympathy towards him exhibited by the reactionary elements of the Government.

London, June 8. The Times Berlin correspondent states that the Kaiser and the Imperial Chancellor (Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg) fruitlessly endeavoured to persuade Herr Dernburg to withdraw his resignation, and adds that he believes that the late Colonial Secretary has planned a journey to Japan and the Far East.

ANOTHER ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE.

FEARED TO BE MOST SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 8. A message from Naples says that an earthquake occurred during the night in the Province of Avellino.

Houses collapsed, and the people are camping in the open. The disaster seems most serious. Bodies are already being recovered, and the King and Queen of Italy have gone to the scene, while relief parties are also being despatched thither.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

BIG INCREASES FOR MAY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 8. The trade returns for the month of May show increases in imports amounting to £10,414,631 and in exports totalling £4,081,565.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S HOMECOMING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 7. Prince Fushimi has left St. Petersburg, and is travelling overland to Japan.

BIG SHIPPING DEAL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 7. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has agreed to purchase the whole of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's share capital at a price of £25 per share.

CANTON VICEROYALTY.

PROBABLE NEW APPOINTMENT.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, June 7. Information from a reliable source states that H.E. Tuan Fang, ex-Viceroy of Liang Kiang, will be appointed Viceroy of Canton.

An Imperial Edict has confirmed the decision of the Board of Civil Appointments that H.E. Yun Hsu Han, the present Viceroy of Canton, be degraded but not deprived of office.

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MONEY LOAN ASSOCIATION CLAIM.

A Money Loan Association case in respect of which a point of law had previously been decided in favour of plaintiffs, again came before Mr. Justice Hazledine in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning. The plaintiff was named Chow Chan and the defendant a spinster named Yuet Seem, the claim being for \$105, which sum represented 21 instalments said to be due in respect of a \$50 Money Loan Association of which the plaintiff was promoter and the defendant a member. Mr. E. Davidson was for plaintiff and Mr. D. V. Stevenson for defendant. Mr. Stevenson said the defendant was a complete denial by the defendant that she was present on March 18th in plaintiff's shop or that she received any money from him or any one connected with the Association. She was a member of the Association, being induced to join by a woman hair-dresser who had since absconded. Defendant paid to this woman her contributions each month, and the former absconded about March 28th, shortly after the meeting when it was alleged defendant drew the successful tender and received the money. Defendant did not know the plaintiff and the statements made by him and his witnesses that defendant attended at his shop and received the money were absolutely false. Defendant was in the unfortunate position that she did not know any of the members and it was useless for her to bring witnesses to say she was engaged in a brothel on the date named. Defendant did not know what she was doing on March 18th, which was easily understood for it was difficult to remember a month ahead what one was doing on a given day. Anyhow, she knew she had never attended plaintiff's shop in connection with the doing of the Association. Defendant was then called to give evidence. Mr. Stevenson—Can the witness be accommodated with a chair, my Lord? She is a small-footed woman. His Lordship—Yes. The case was concluded, and his Lordship reserved his decision.

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Hongkong, June 7, 1910. 729

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